Minutes

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Call to Order

Proposed Rule - NC State Fair, Alcoholic Beverage Policy

Adjourn

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The Board of Agriculture held a conference call on August 4, 2014. Commissioner of Agriculture Steve Troxler called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. and read the Ethics Reminder. The following Board members participated via conference call: Casey Armstrong, Maurice Berry, Tommy Burleson, Billy Carter, Billy Johnston, Kirk Mathis, Mark Peters, and Bert Pitt. Others on the call included Joel Keith, State Fair; and Anne Brown, NC DOJ.

Commissioner Troxler reminded the Board that the call was necessary in order to adopt rules in a timely manner to meet Office of Administrative Hearings' filing deadlines. He then called on Wesley Wyatt, State Fair Manager, to explain the amendments up for adoption.

Mr. Wyatt explained that the changes to 02 NCAC 20B .0413 would reflect compliance with ABC requirements and give State Fair management some flexibility when dealing with those who rent facilities on the fairgrounds. This would also allow for the tasting of North Carolina wine and craft beers at some of the annual events at the fairgrounds. He reminded the Board that there were no plans at this time to sell alcohol for immediate consumption at the annual N.C. State Fair.

Billy Johnston made the MOTION that be Board adopt the changes to rule 02 NCAC 20B .0413. After the motion was seconded by Casey Armstrong, there was some discussion around permitting and licensing. It was clarified that groups renting facilities would be required to get any required ABC licenses, such as a one-time special occasion license.

There being no further discussion, a vote was called for the adoption of the amendments as proposed. The motion carried unanimously.

There was no further business to discuss. A MOTION was made by Kirk Mathis to adjourn. The motion, seconded by Bert Pitt, passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

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